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BURLINGTON, N.C. -- There are new developments in the Department of Justice's case against Alamance County Sheriff Terry Johnson.

You might remember last year, the federal Justice Department sued Sheriff Johnson claiming the department unfairly targeted Latinos. Now the DOJ also believes their informants in the case are being intimidated.

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The claims are presented in a 13-page court filing that boils down to three main points.

They all involved alleged intimidation of witnesses. First, the DOJ claims there was a threat to a former sheriff's office employee, Second they claim a threat to deport an informant and third they claim a patrol car was harassing a public critic of the sheriff.

Alamance County Attorney Clyde Albright denied all three claims while on the phone with 2 *Wants To Know*.

Let's detail the three main claims:

First, the FBI has recently opened a criminal investigation because of an alleged threat made to a former sheriff's officer. The alleged threat came one week after the officer was identified as a witness in the case. Albright says the FBI hasn't contacted him or the sheriff's officer, so he doesn't know about the investigation or the alleged threat. But Albright says all of this is probably a "DOJ mistake."

The DOJ also claims deputies threatened to "deport" another informant. Again, Albright said there wasn't enough information to know what the DOJ was talking about.

The third claim is about someone named in court records only as a "public critic of Sheriff Johnson." She testified a patrol car was parked outside her home for long periods of time. This woman also says the county attorney intimidated her by trying to force her daughter's school to seize the family's computer.

Albright says he thinks he knows who this critic is and she lived next to a deputy, so it would make sense for a patrol car to be parked nearby. Albright adds the claims about trying to seize the computer are probably part of a public records request he made to get evidence for the case.

All indications are the case is still developing. The county attorney says he and the sheriff haven't even heard from the FBI. In the end, it's possible the FBI could bring criminal charges as a result of the investigation. It's also possible agents don't find enough evidence to charge anyone.

The FBI and the DOJ have not returned our calls asking how far along they are in the investigation process.
